

## **Place Names Around Puketeraki**

The ikoa wāhi which follow have been collected from a variety of sources – oral records, various historic manuscripts, diaries and other documents in the possession of whanau, archives and libraries, and the records and publications of early European travellers and writers.

Some names will be abbreviations of the originals, and others may be misleading because the form and meaning of the words may have been changed during written transcription. Some of the wide variety of spellings recorded have been included, but no attempt has been made to indicate long vowels by the use of macrons.

These names provide us with another window into the ways of life of our tūpuna, and the places of importance to them. Kāti Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki is sharing these treasured names in the hope that this will help ensure that they are never lost, and that they will become part of the rich cultural tradition passed on to future generations.

The rūnaka would welcome feedback on these names, or any others that are known from throughout the takiwā.